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MINIMIZING CHLORINATED ORGANICS IN PULP BLEACHING PROCESSES

## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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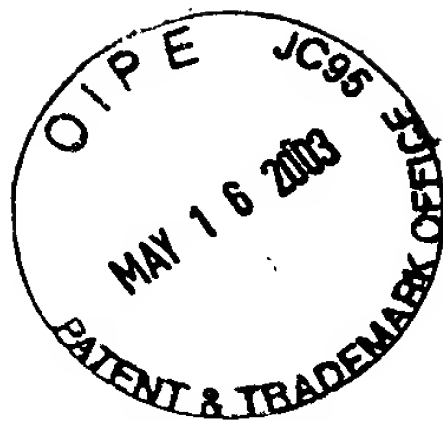
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 13 (Once amended). The method of Claim 1 wherein the bleaching operation further comprises an extraction stage.

Claim 14 (Once amended). The method of Claim 1 wherein the bleaching operation comprises a first chlorine dioxide bleaching stage, an extraction stage, a second chlorine dioxide bleaching stage, and a peroxide stage.